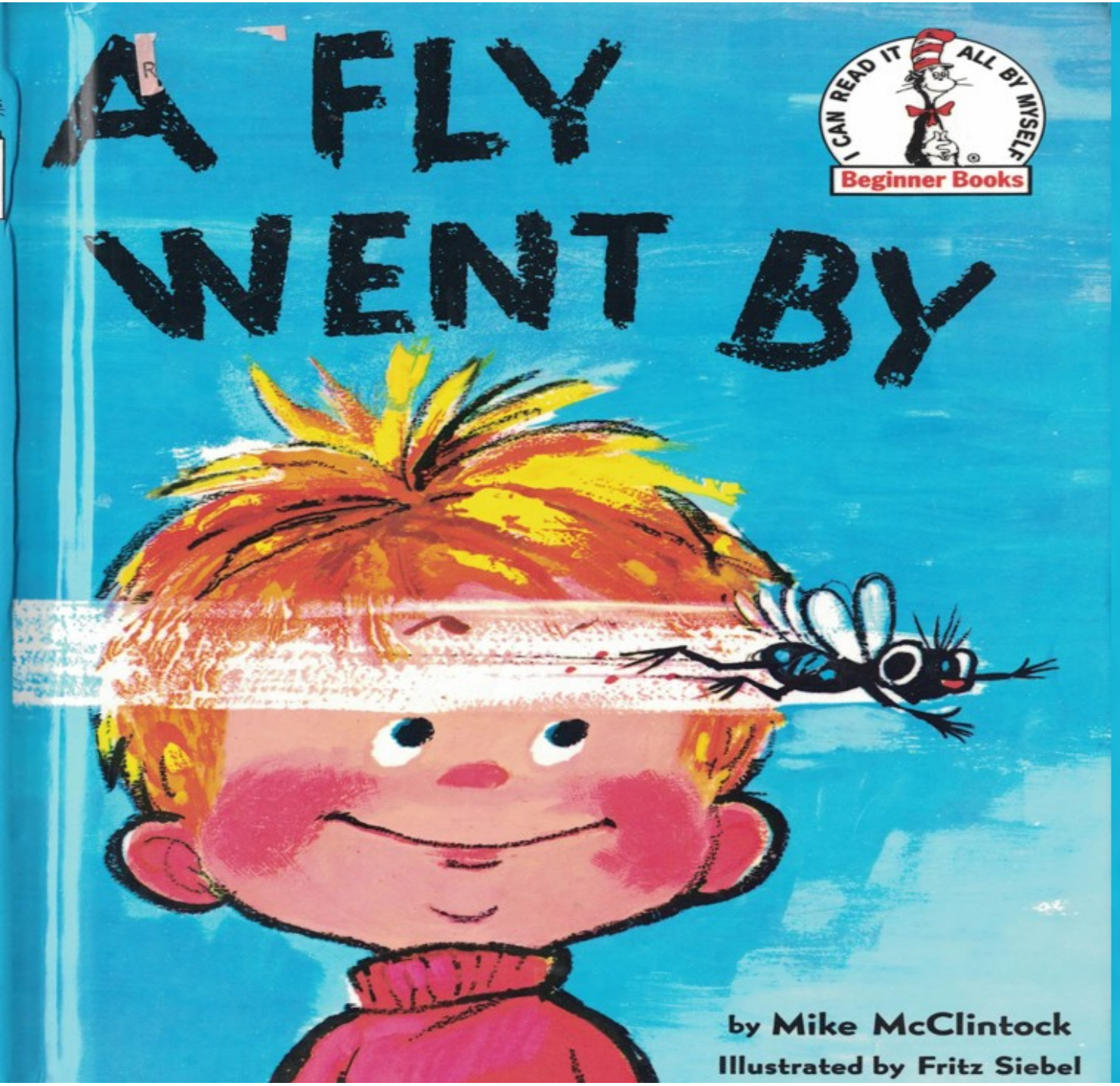


What is the job of an author?

What is the job of the illustrator?

Looking at the cover would you guess this is a fiction or non-fiction book?

Vocabulary

- **shook**: to quiver or tremble

- _____

- **fear**: to be afraid
- _____
- **sequence**: in a special order

- _____
- **predict**: to take a guess
- _____

Vocabulary

- **fiction**: a made-up story, not true

- _____
- **non-fiction**: a true story
- _____

As you read the words on the first page, what do you notice about the words?

What do you think this character is doing?

Describe the setting in the story so far?

Remember setting is time and place. What time of day do you think it is?

A fly went by.
He said, "Oh, dear!"
I saw him shake.
He shook with fear.

And when I saw that fly go past,
I asked him why he went so fast.
I asked him why he shook with fear.
I asked him why he said, "Oh, dear!"
He said, "I MUST GET OUT OF HERE!"

- What did the boy see go by?
- Why do you think it was shaking with fear?
- What is something that would make a fly scared?
- What is something that makes you scared?

The fly said, "LOOK!
And you will see!
That frog!
That frog is after me!"

The fly went past!
The frog came . . . FAST!

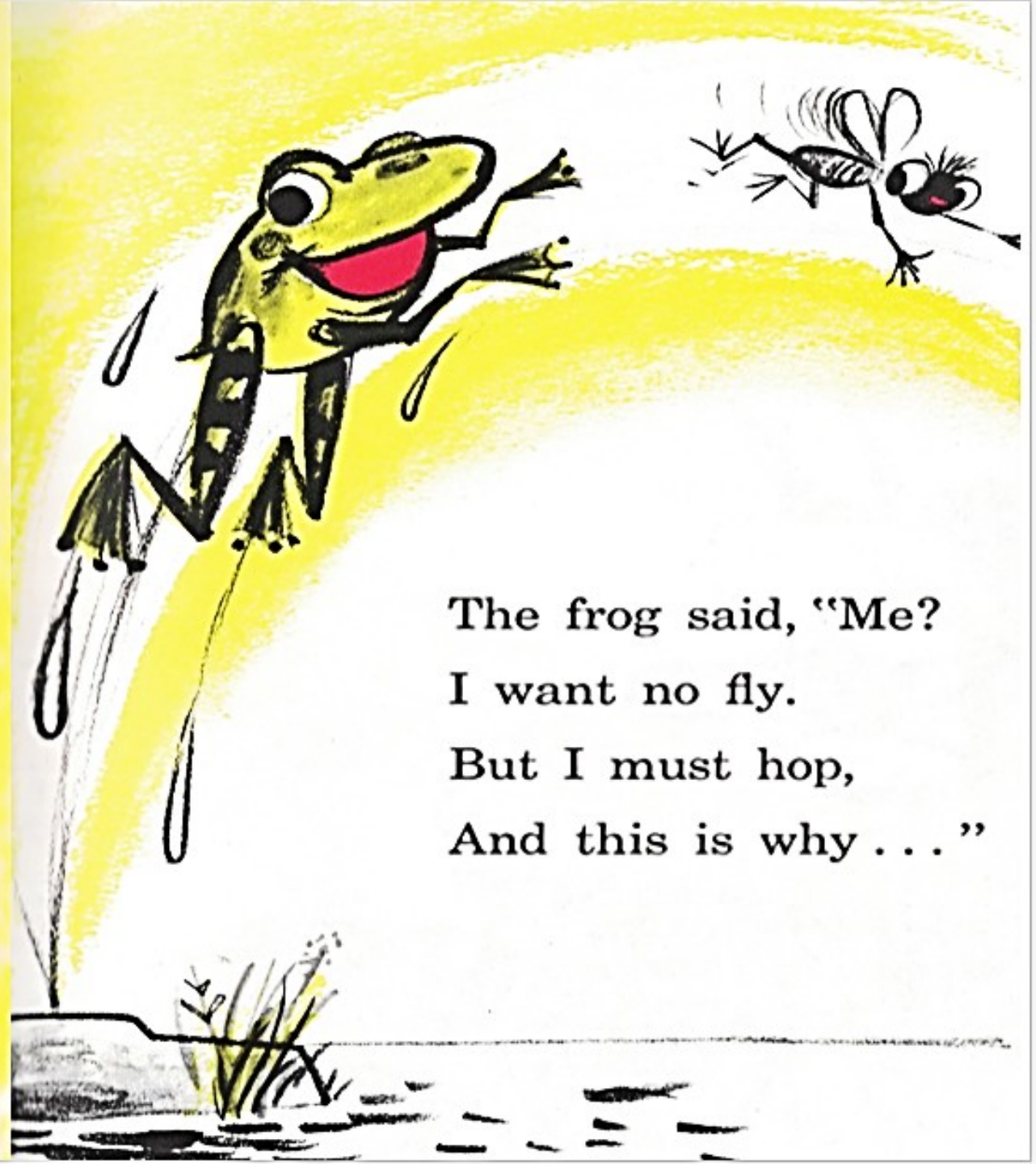
- What was the first creature to go by?
- What is chasing it?

- Why would a fly be fearful of a frog?
- Why do you think the frog is chasing the fly?

I asked the frog,

I asked him, "Why——?

WHY DO YOU WANT TO GET THAT FLY?"



The frog said, "Me?

I want no fly.

But I must hop,

And this is why . . . "

- What did the boy ask the frog?
- Why was the frog surprised?
- Was the frog really chasing the fly?
- Then why do you think the frog was jumping so high and fast?

"That cat!" he said. "Just look and see!
That cat," he said, "is after me!"

- **What are the first two characters the boy saw?**
- **Who does the boy see**
- **Who does the frog think is chasing him?**

Then he was gone
With one big hop.
The cat ran up,
And I said, "STOP!

Now, stop! Stop! Stop!" I told the cat.
"Do not pick on the frog like that!"

- Why is the frog jumping so fast?
- Who does he think is chasing him?
- What does the boy do to help?
- What does he say to the cat?

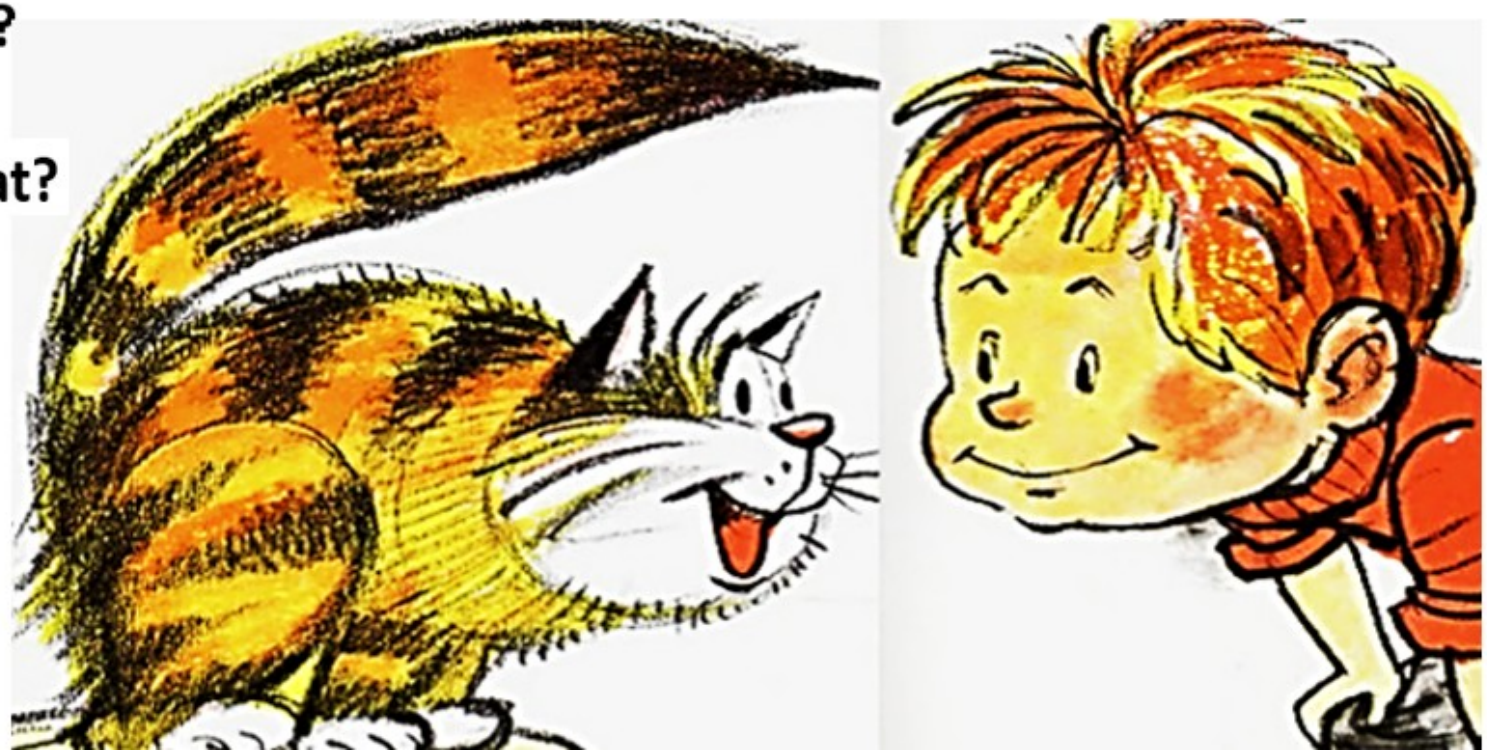
The cat said,

"Look, I want no frog.

I have to get away from .

"DOG!!"

- Why is the cat smiling at the boy?
- Does he look like he wants to eat a frog?
- Do you think cats really eat frogs?
- Why do you think the cat is scared?
- Do you think the dog is chasing the cat?



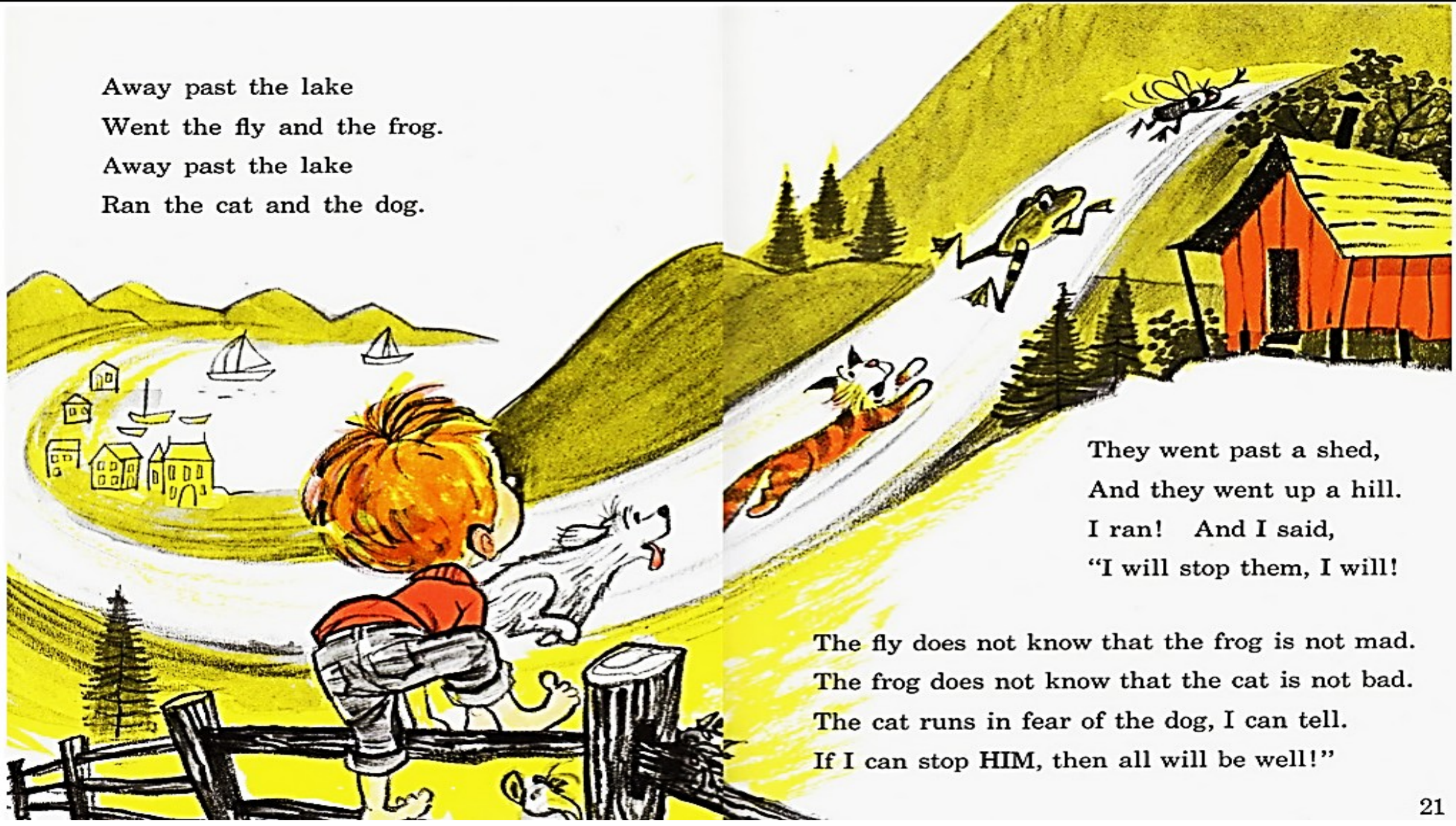
SO . . .

The fly ran away
In fear of the frog,
Who ran from the cat,
Who ran from the dog.

One ran from the other.
The other ran, too,
From one who came after.
Now what could I do?

- **What is the boy observing right now?**
- **Why are all the animals running?**
- **Do you think they are really chasing each other?**
- **What else do you think might be happening?**

Away past the lake
Went the fly and the frog.
Away past the lake
Ran the cat and the dog.

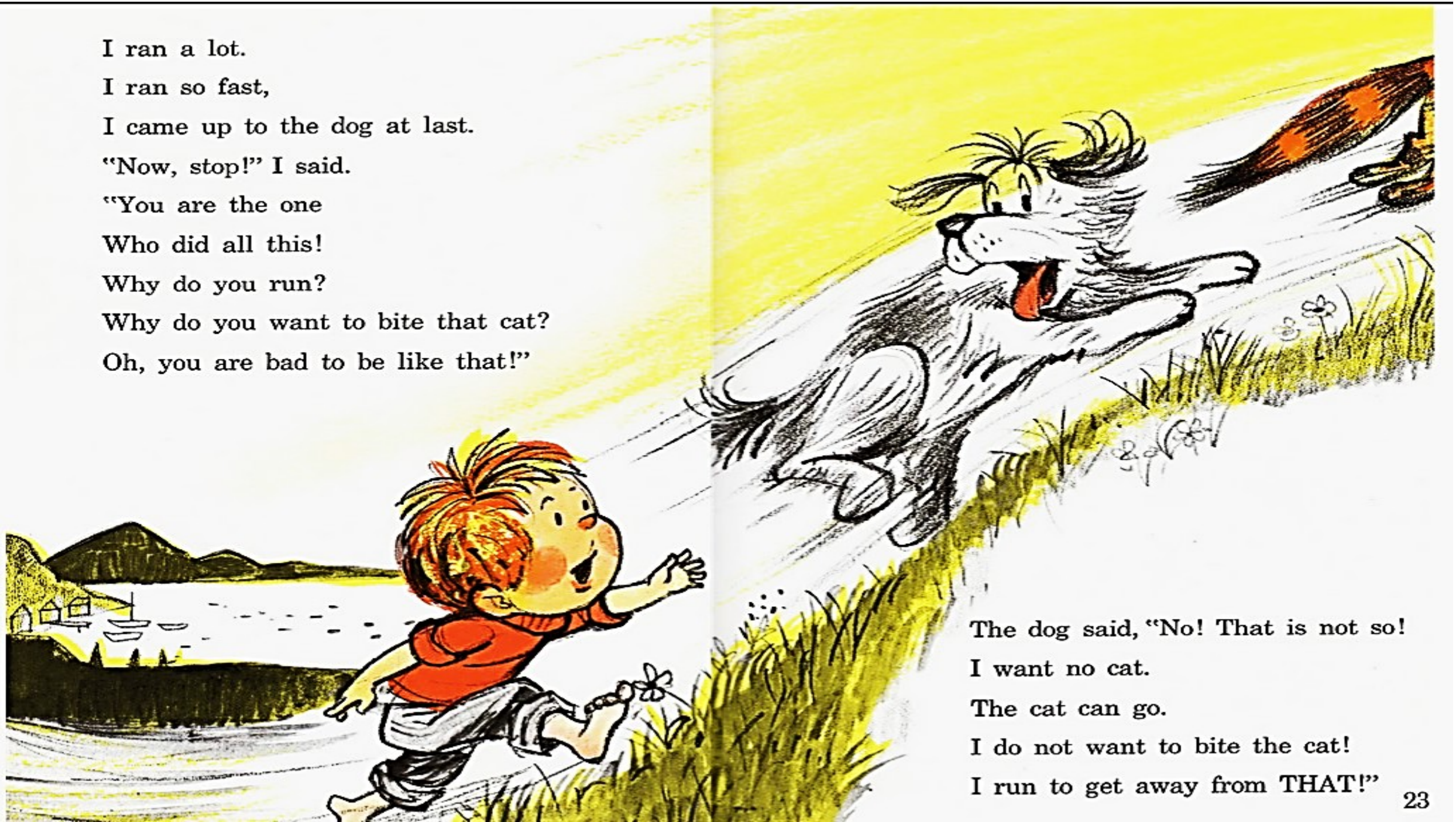


They went past a shed,
And they went up a hill.
I ran! And I said,
"I will stop them, I will!

The fly does not know that the frog is not mad.
The frog does not know that the cat is not bad.
The cat runs in fear of the dog, I can tell.
If I can stop HIM, then all will be well!"

- What does the boy think will solve the problem?
- Do you think he is right?

I ran a lot.
I ran so fast,
I came up to the dog at last.
"Now, stop!" I said.
"You are the one
Who did all this!
Why do you run?
Why do you want to bite that cat?
Oh, you are bad to be like that!"



The dog said, "No! That is not so!
I want no cat.
The cat can go.
I do not want to bite the cat!
I run to get away from THAT!"

- **What happens when the boy catches up to the dog?**
- **Is the dog really chasing the cat?**
- **The dog says he is running from ‘THAT’. What do you think the ‘that’ is?**
- **Who do you think will come next?**

"THAT PIG!!"

"That pig!" he said.
"Look back and see!
SHE likes to bite,
And she wants ME!"

- What did the dog say to the boy?
- When the boy turned around what did he see?
- Do you think that a pig will chase a dog?
- Why do you think he is?

SO . . .

The fly ran away
In fear of the frog,
Who ran from the cat,
Who ran from the dog.

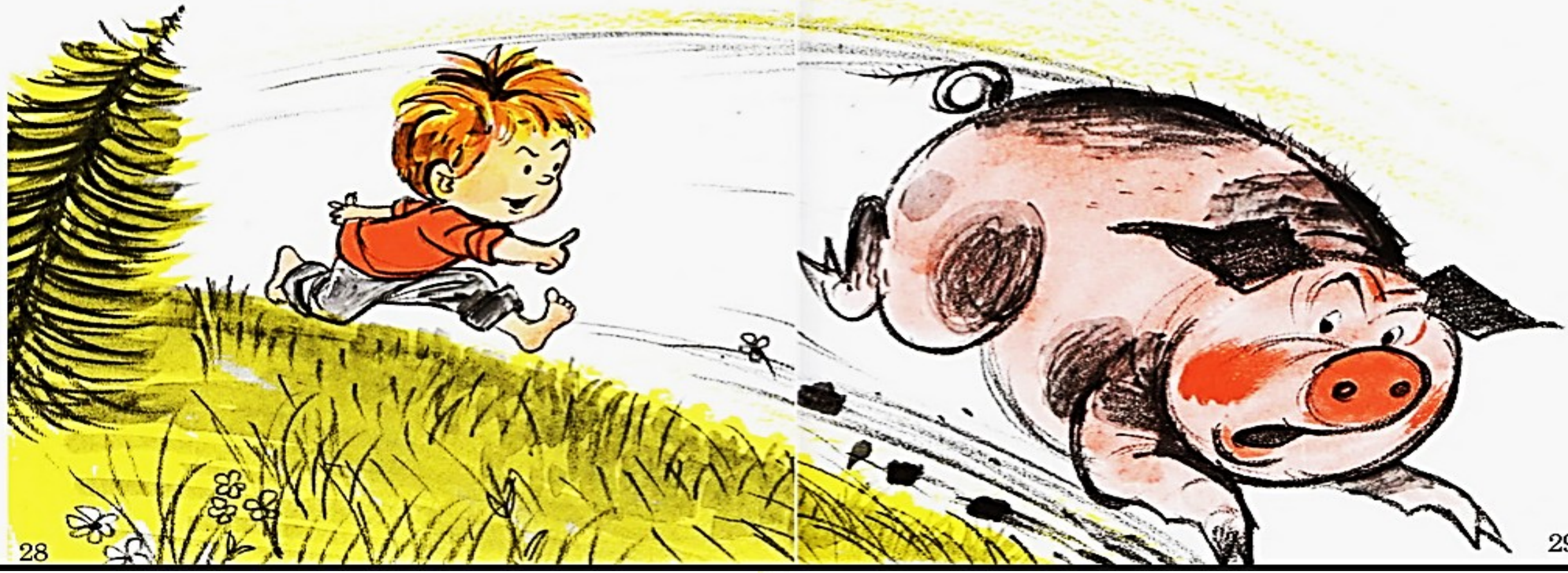
The dog ran away
In fear of the pig.
My, she was mad!
And WAS she big!!

- **Look at the pig's face. Why do you think he is mad?**

- **Why is the pig chasing everyone?**

I said to the pig,
"So YOU are the one
In back of all this!
Now, why do you run?
Now, why should a pig bite a dog?" I said.
"And why are you mad?
Are you out of your head?"

The pig said, "I am NOT out of my head!
See what is after me! Look!" she said.



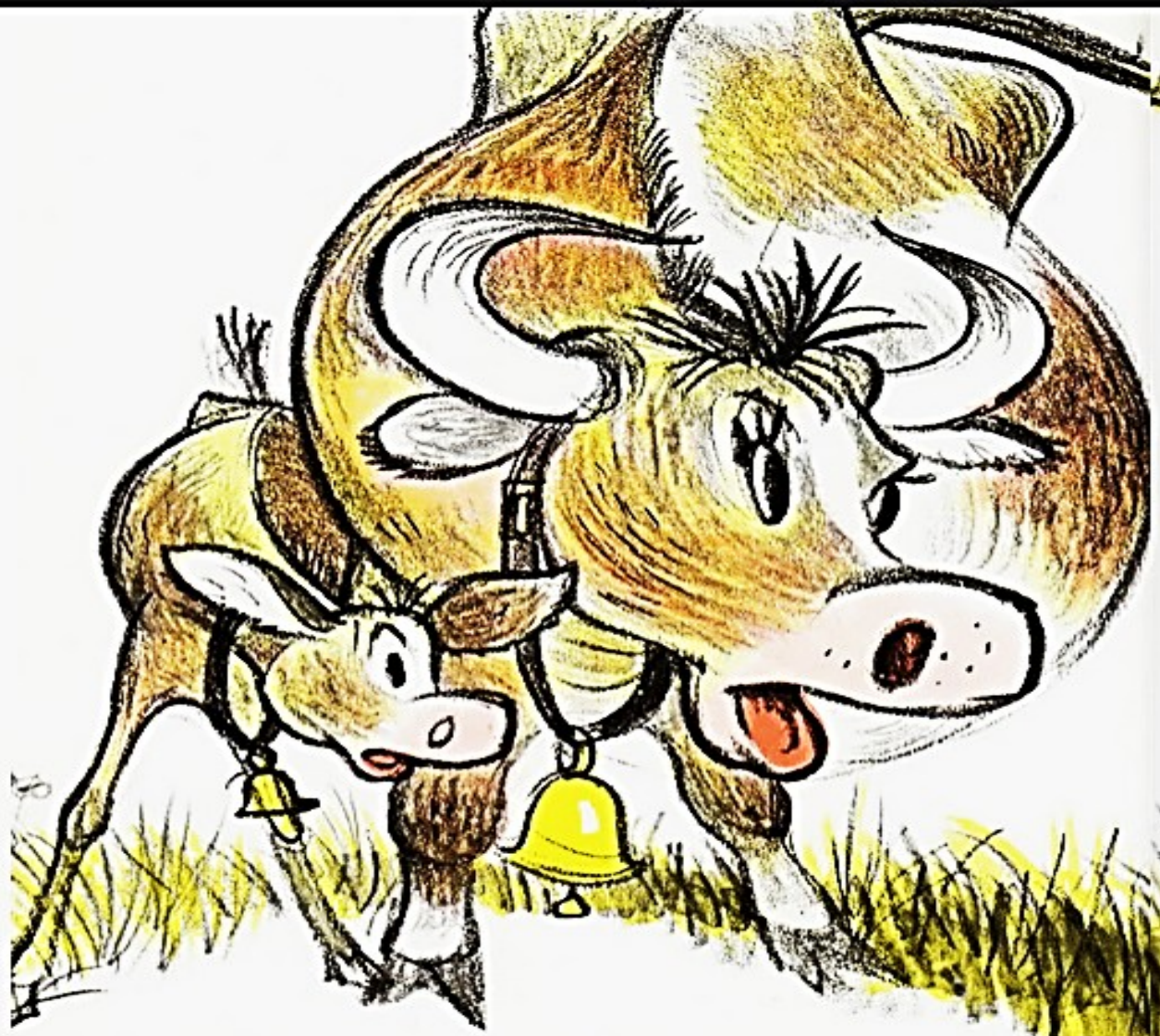
- **What does the boy say to the pig that causes the pig to stop?**
- **Why is the pig surprised?**
- **Why do you think the boy wants the animals to stop chasing each other?**

"That cow will hit me," said the pig.
"Those things up on her head are big!"
So the pig ran past.
She ran past . . . FAST!

Then the cow ran up,
And a little cow, too.

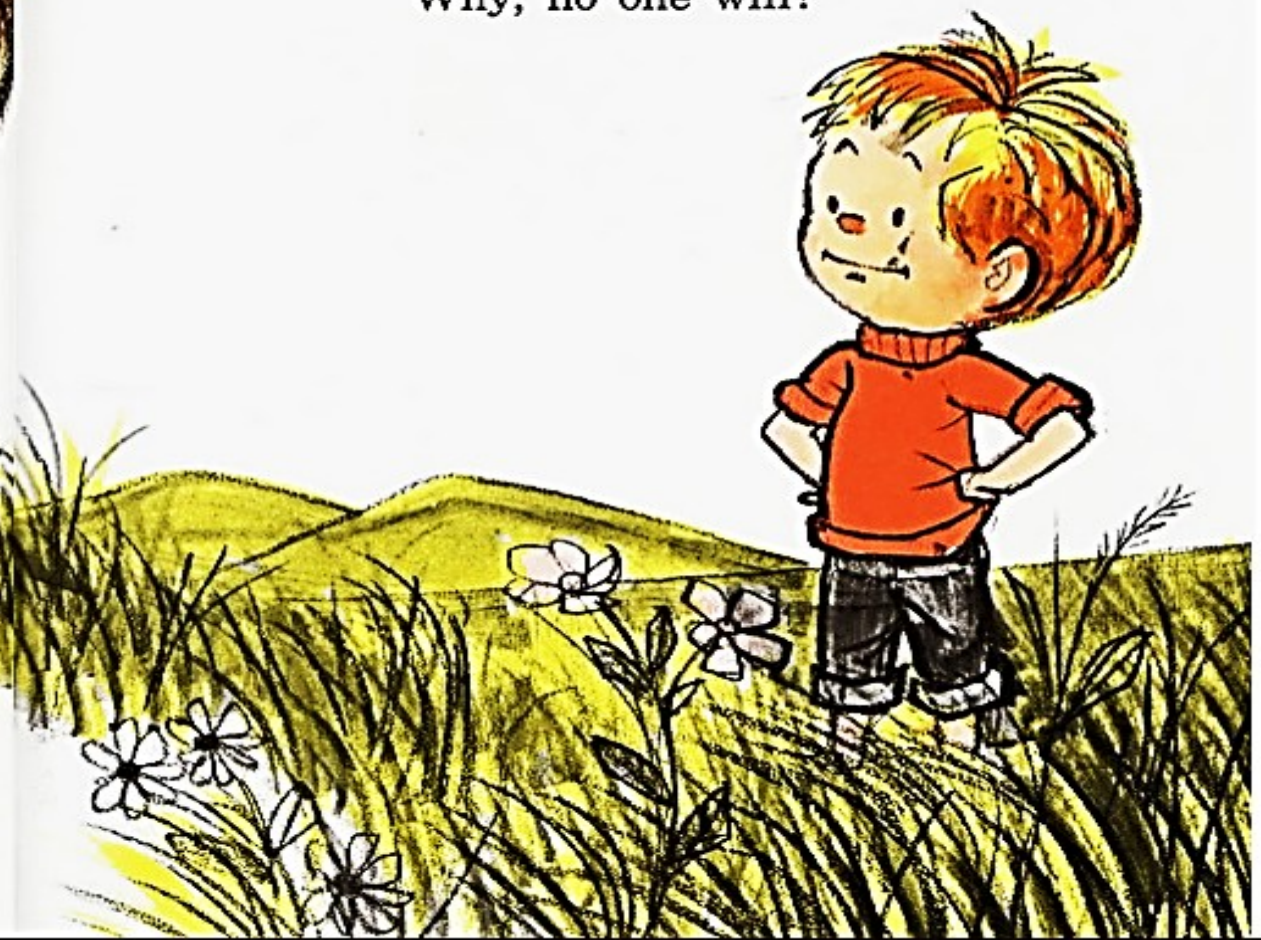
I said, "Now what got into you?
Do not pick on the pig, you two!"

- Why is the pig running?
- Why do you think he is afraid of a cow?
- Do you think a cow can hurt a pig?
- Do you think the cow is really chasing the pig?

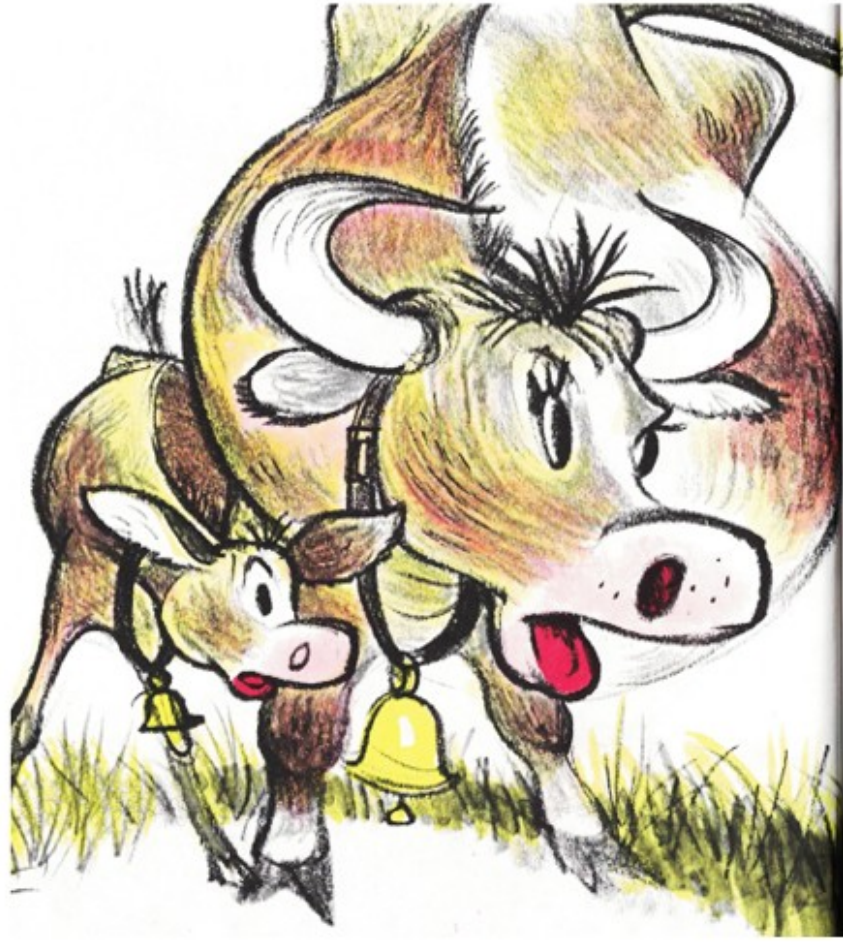


The cow said, "Pig? The pig can go!
That is not why we run—oh, no!
But some one bad has made us run!
He wants to kill my Little One!"

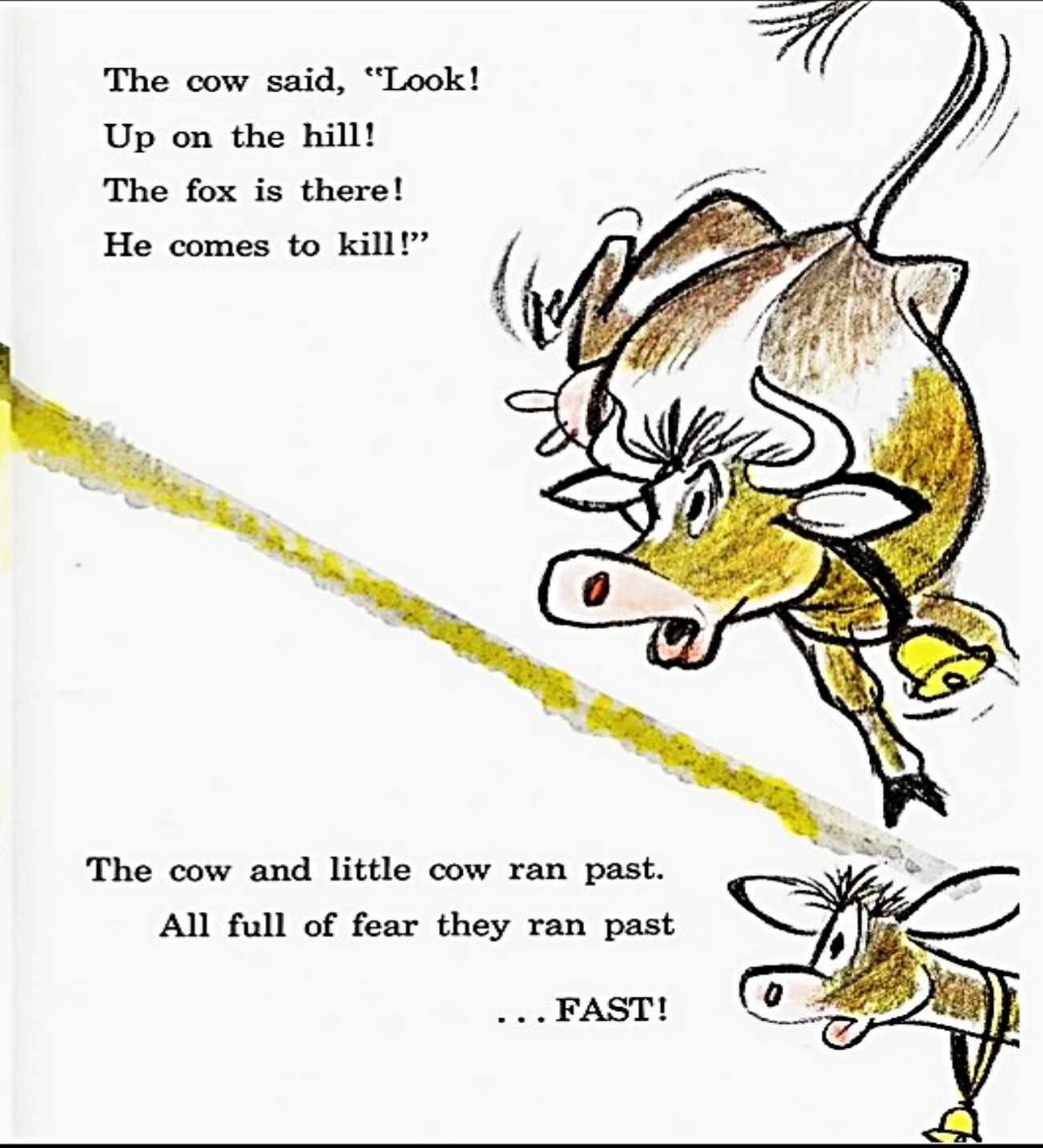
I asked the cow,
"Who wants to kill
Your Little One?
Why, no one will!"



- Why is the cow really running?
- Who does she have with her?
- What do we call a baby cow?
- Who does she think wants to kill her baby?



The cow said, "Look!
Up on the hill!
The fox is there!
He comes to kill!"



The cow and little cow ran past.
All full of fear they ran past
. . . FAST!

- When the boy looked up on the hill what did he see?
- Who did the cow think was trying to kill her baby?
- Do you think a fox can hurt a cow?
- How does the fox look to you?
- Would you be afraid of him?

SO . . .

The fly ran away
In fear of the frog,
Who ran from the cat,
Who ran from the dog.
The dog ran away
From the pig—and now
The pig ran away
In fear of the cow!

They came to the woods,
And there was a tent.
But they did not stop!
In and out they all went!

And last came the fox,
So HE was the one
Who made them all fear,
And made them all run!
Yes, he was the one who was bad, I could tell.
If I could stop HIM, then all would be well!

- **Let’s see if we can put the animals in order from the first to the last:**
- **1.**
- **2.**
- **3.**
- **4.**
- **5.**
- **6.**
- **7.**

Who does the boy think is causing all the problems?

I told the fox,
"Oh, shame on you!
Oh, shame, shame, shame
For what you do!
You want to kill the little cow!
You stop, or I will whip you—NOW!"

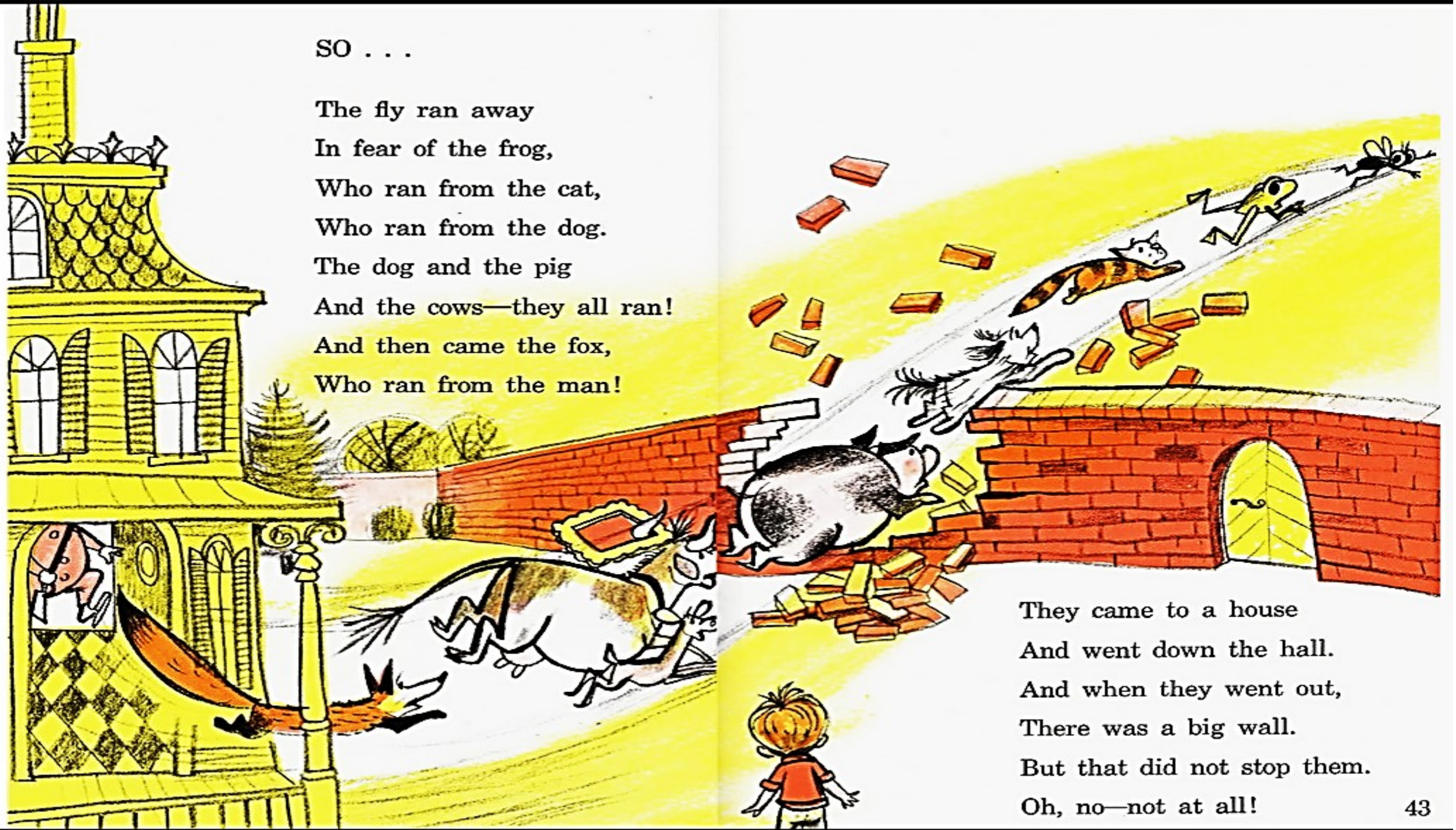
The fox said, "Now what did I do?
Why do you say, 'Oh, shame on you'?
I tell you I would never kill
That little cow!
I never will!"

- What does the boy say to the fox?
- What does “shame on you” mean?
- Why does the fox look surprised?
- Do you think the fox is the cause of the problem?

The fox said, "This is why I ran——
Back in the woods I saw a man!
I saw a man!
He had a gun!

He wants to get me!
Let me run!"

- Why is the little fox scared?
- Would he be scared if he wanted to kill the cow's baby?
- Who do you see coming next?
- Do you think he wants to hurt the fox?



SO . . .

The fly ran away
In fear of the frog,
Who ran from the cat,
Who ran from the dog.
The dog and the pig
And the cows—they all ran!
And then came the fox,
Who ran from the man!

They came to a house
And went down the hall.
And when they went out,
There was a big wall.
But that did not stop them.
Oh, no—not at all!

- **What is happening to everything with all these animals running around so silly?**

Do you think that any of them really want to hurt each other?

What would you do if someone was chasing you?

How do you think these animals feel?

They ran and they ran.
They came to a town.
They went up one way,
And then they went down.

They went up one way,
And then down another.
They ran and they ran,
One after the other.

They came to a bank,
But they did not stop.
They went in the bank
With a jump and a hop!

With a jump and a hop
They ran in—and then
They went out the back way,
And ran on again!

- What happened when the animals came to town?
- Do you think they will cause a lot of damage?
- What do you think needs to be done to stop them?
- Do you think the boy can do it alone?

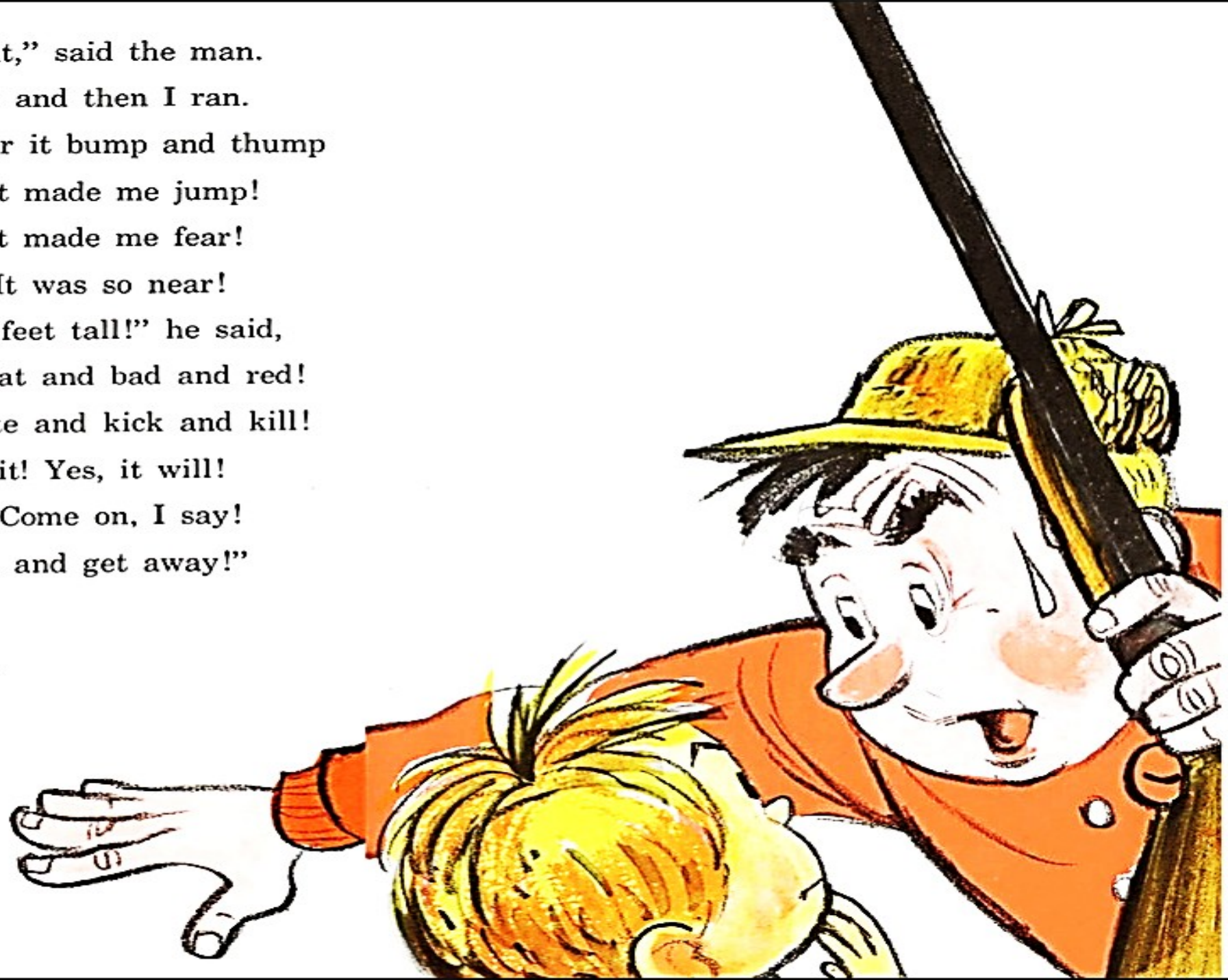
I ran as fast
As I could run.
I told the man,
"YOU are the one
In back of this!
You are the one
Who wants the fox!
Put down your gun!"

"Fox? Fox?" the man said. "No!
I saw no fox,
But I must go!
For you should see,
Yes, you should see
The thing that now is after ME!"

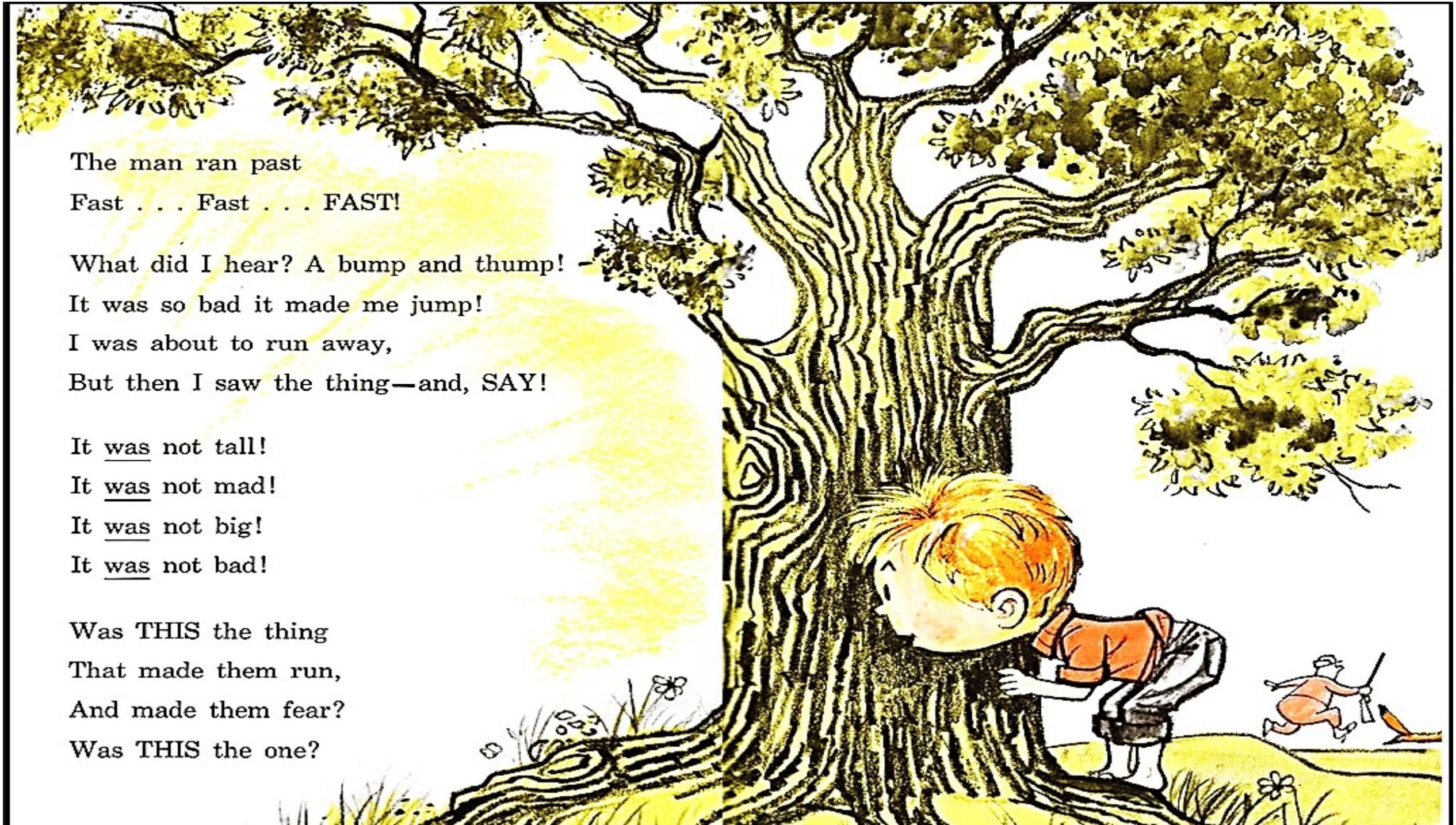
- Why do you think the man has a gun?
- What does the boy say to the man?
- Why does the man looked surprised to see the boy?
- Does the man want to shoot the fox?
- What do you think is chasing him?

"I did not see it," said the man.
"I took my gun and then I ran.
For I could hear it bump and thump
It was so bad it made me jump!
It was so bad it made me fear!
It was so big! It was so near!
It must be ten feet tall!" he said,
"And big and fat and bad and red!
Why, it can bite and kick and kill!
And it will do it! Yes, it will!
I hear it now! Come on, I say!
For I must run and get away!"

"BUMP!"
"THUMP!"



- Why is the man sweating?
- Does he know what he was running away from?
- What kind of noise did it make?
- Why do you think he was scared?



The man ran past
Fast . . . Fast . . . FAST!

What did I hear? A bump and thump!
It was so bad it made me jump!
I was about to run away,
But then I saw the thing—and, SAY!

It was not tall!
It was not mad!
It was not big!
It was not bad!

Was THIS the thing
That made them run,
And made them fear?
Was THIS the one?

- **Let's look at the clues of what was chasing the man. What do you think it could be?**

It was not tall!

It was not mad!

It was not big!

It was not bad!

- **Why do you think the little boy was scared?**

It was a little sheep! So tame!
It came to me, and it was lame!
I saw what made the bump and thump.
I saw the thing that made me jump.
The sheep said, "Look at this tin can!
I can not get it off! I ran!
I ran for help! I saw a man.
I went to him, but then HE ran!
Why did he run away from me?
I just want help, as you can see."

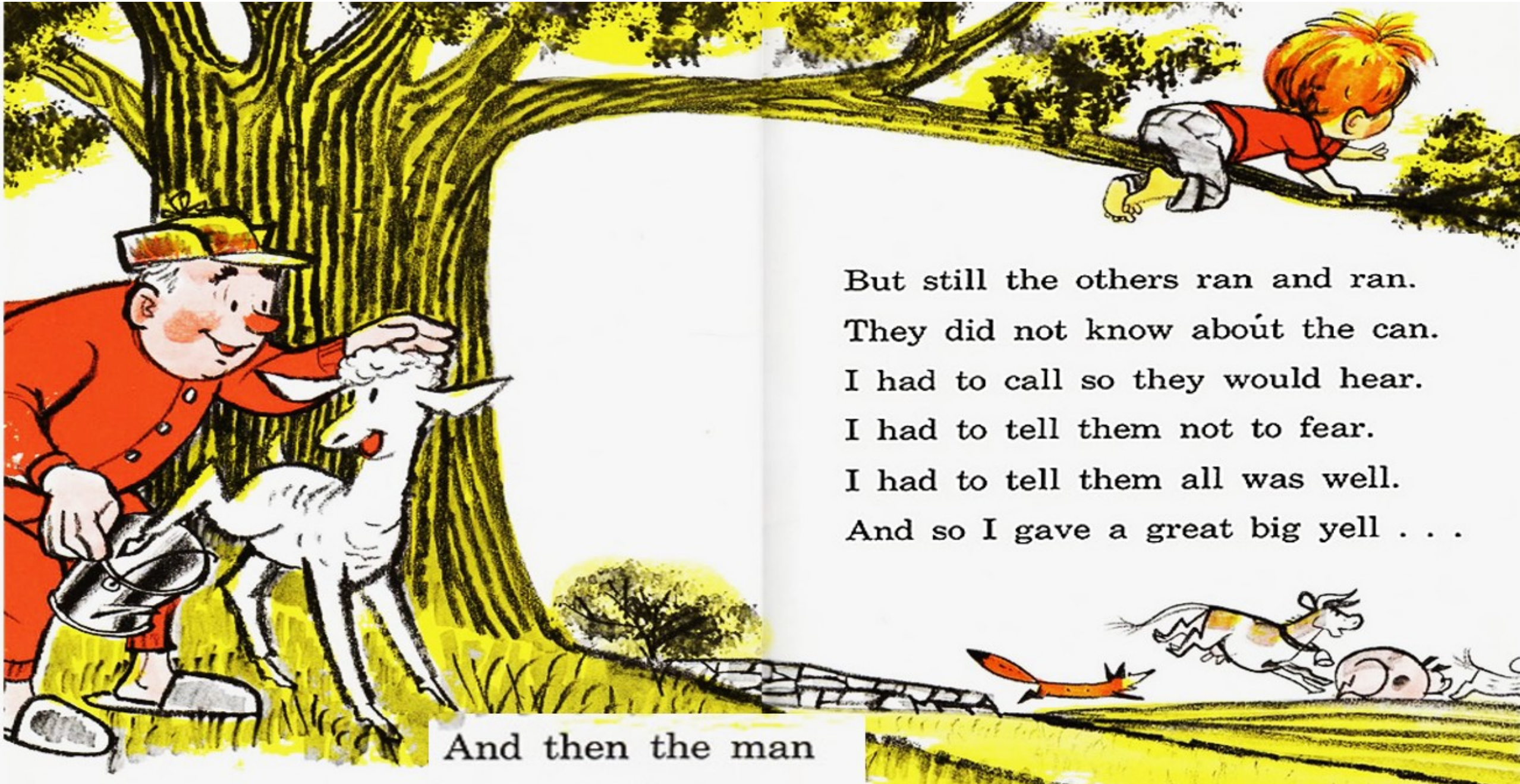
I said, "I will get help for you!
And I can help the others, too!
For now I know just what to do!"

- What did the little boy see?
- What was making that terrible noise?
- Was it an animal to be afraid of?
- Why not?

"Oh, man!" I called. "Come back! Come here!
This is a sheep, so have no fear!
The sheep wants help, for it is lame.
Come back! Come here!"

And then he came!

- **Who does the boy call?**
- **How do you think all of these animals are going to feel when they see what they were really running away from?**
- **Have you ever been so scared that you ran away from something without lookin**
- **Why does the boy call the man**
- **What is wrong with the little la**



But still the others ran and ran.
They did not know about the can.
I had to call so they would hear.
I had to tell them not to fear.
I had to tell them all was well.
And so I gave a great big yell . . .

And then the man
Took off the can

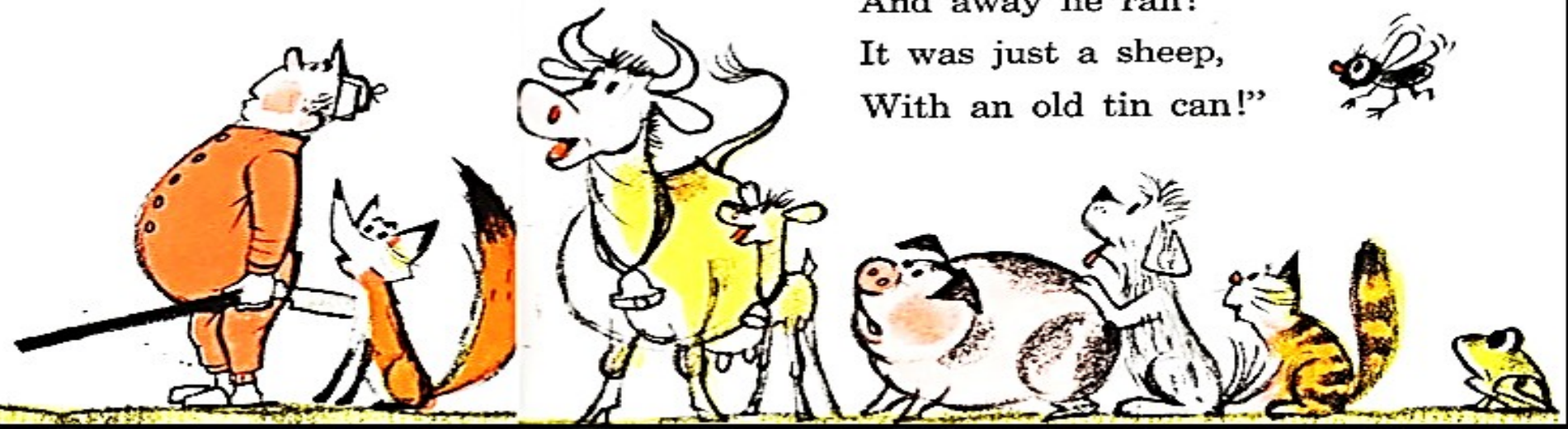
- **What did the man do when he saw the sheep?**
- **How did that help?**
- **What was the boy doing?**
- **What are all the silly animals still doing?**
- **How can the boy stop it?**

"STOP!!!"

- What did the boy shout loudly?
- What did all the animals suddenly do?
- Why did the boy have to shout it so loudly?
- What do you think the animals will do next?

I said to them all, "You must not run away!
No one is after you! No one, I say!
You all ran away—and now I know why.
I sat by the lake, and there came a fly.

The fly ran away
In fear of the frog,
Who ran from the cat,
Who ran from the dog.
The dog ran away
In fear of the pig,
Who ran from the cow.
She was so big!
The cow ran away
From the fox, who ran
As fast as he could
In fear of the man.
That man heard a thump,
And away he ran!
It was just a sheep,
With an old tin can!"



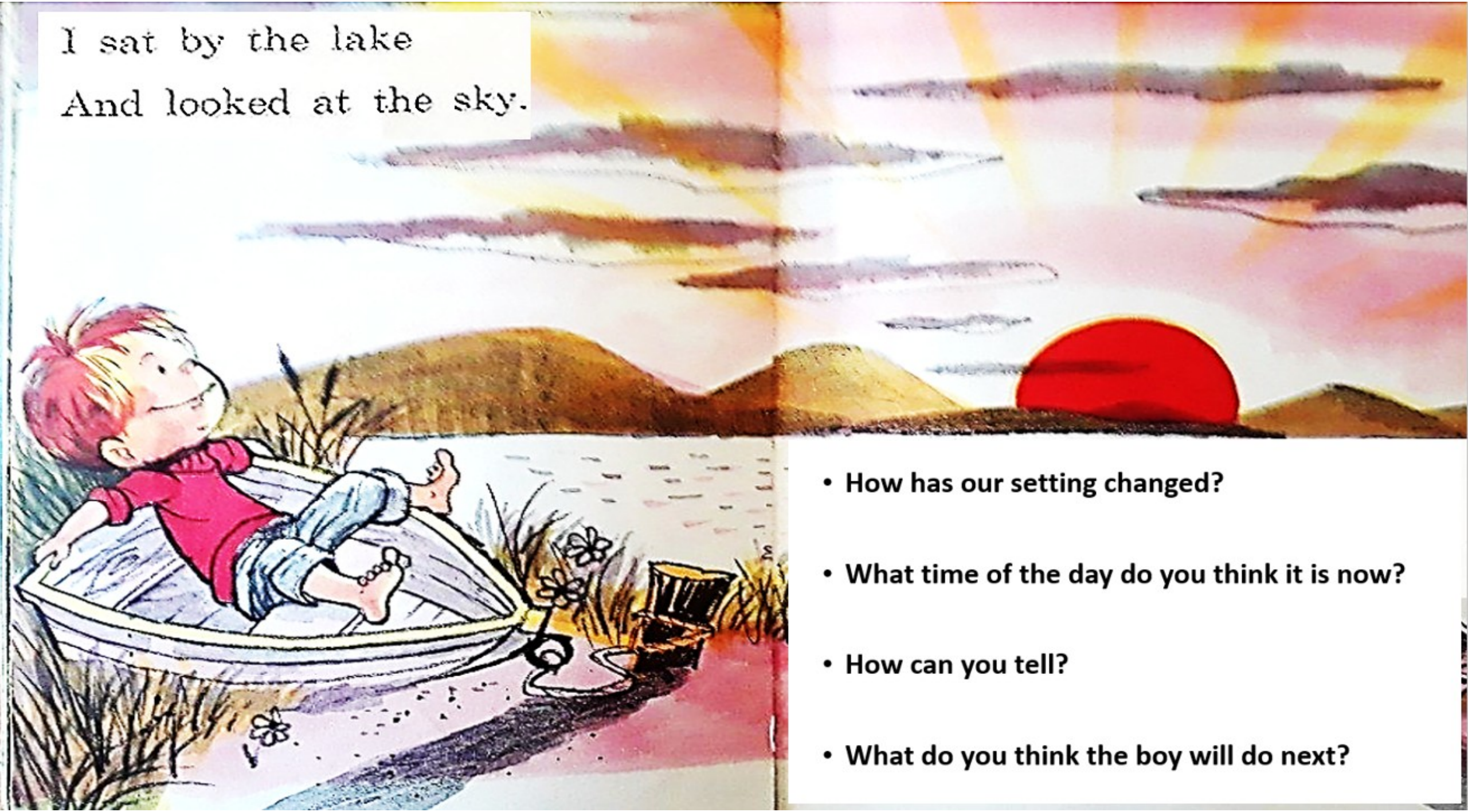
- **Why is the boy in the tree?**
- **What does he have in his ha**
- **What is he telling the anima**

- **Why are all the animals just looking at him?**
- **Do you think they feel pretty silly?**
- **Why?**

I looked at them all,
And then I could tell
They all had no fear,
And now all was well.

They all went away.
They all waved good by.
SO . . .

- When the boy looks at the animals now what does he see?
- How are the animals behaving now?
- Why does everyone look relieved?



- How has our setting changed?
- What time of the day do you think it is now?
- How can you tell?
- What do you think the boy will do next?

- **Oh. No! Who does the boy see fly by again?**

What do you think will happen?

GREAT JOB!